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TARDEC to Participate in two Automotive Conferences

DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI — The U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) will participate in the 2008 Combat Vehicles Conference (CVC) Oct. 20-22 and the 2008 TACOM Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry (APBI) Conference Oct. 22-24.

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) will host the CVC conference at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, MI. The conference objectives are to inform, collaborate with and build the industry's knowledge regarding important issues concerning the Army's ground vehicle systems.

Specifically, the CVC will focus on the future of combat vehicles. According to conference organizers, government, industry and military attendees will gain insights concerning the past, present and future of combat vehicle initiatives.

TACOM LCMC Deputy Commander John Dugan will open the event with welcome remarks Oct. 20, and TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek will speak about "Research and Development (R&D) and Future Programs" 8:10 a.m. Oct. 22. The conference will also include:

- Warfighters talking about operating tactics in Iraq.
- Retired military speakers discussing their thoughts about the future of warfare.
- Military experts providing highlights of previous Army and U.S. Marine Corps combat vehicles.
- Panel discussions regarding Future Combat Systems, Land Systems Command and Ground Combat Systems.

The focus shifts to the APBI conference Oct. 22-24 and the military's current and future states. This conference will target industry by providing information about business planning and future TACOM LCMC acquisition opportunities and programs. The TACOM LCMC was responsible for procuring more than \$30 bill in combat vehicle systems, component parts and spares for U.S. forces during Fiscal Year 2008 to support the global war on terrorism.



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Detroit Arsenal leaders will present information Oct. 23. For the acquisition address, TACOM Contracting Center Director Harry P. Hallock will speak at 10:15 a.m., and TARDEC Executive Director for Research Dr. Paul Rogers will speak at 11:15 a.m. At 1:30 p.m., TARDEC leaders will lead a Ground Vehicle Power and Mobility breakout session to discuss alternative energy issues, propulsion and a range of critical technology issues important to the military.

On-site registration is available at both conferences. For more information, please visit the NDIA Web site at <http://www.NDIA.org>.

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TARDEC is the Nation's laboratory for advanced military ground systems and automotive technology. A leading technology integrator for the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), TARDEC is headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, located in the heart of the world's automotive capitol. TARDEC is a major element of RDECOM and partner in the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command. As a full life-cycle engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons and vehicle systems, TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provide superior capabilities for the Future Force. TARDEC's technical staff leads research in ground vehicle survivability; mobility/power and energy; robotics and intelligent systems; maneuver support and sustainment; and vehicle electronics and architecture. TARDEC develops and maintains ground vehicles for all U.S. Armed Forces and numerous federal agencies.

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